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Trump returns to power after unprecedented comeback, emboldened to reshape American institutions

By ZEKE MILLER, CHRIS ME-GERIAN and MICHELLE L. **PRICE**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th president Monday, returning to power with a promise to end America's decline and to "completely and totally reverse" the actions of the man who drove him from office four years ago.

Trump overcame impeachments, criminal indictments and a pair of assassination attempts to win another term in the White House, and he planned to act swiftly after the ceremony. Dozens of executive orders were prepared for his signature to clamp down on border crossings, increase fossil fuel development and end diversity and inclusion programs across the federal government.

The orders from the incoming Republican president will begin the process of unraveling the Democratic agenda of Joe Biden, whose term ended at noon, moments before Trump took the oath of office.

Declaring that government faces a "crisis of trust," Trump said in his inaugural address that under his administration, "our sovereignty will be reclaimed. Our safety will be restored. The scales of justice will be rebalanced."

Trump claimed "a mandate to completely and totally reverse a horrible betrayal," promising to "give the people back their faith, their wealth, their democracy and indeed their freedom."

"From this moment on," he added as Biden watched from the front row, "America's decline is over."

The executive orders are the first step in what Trump calls "the complete restoration of America and the revolution of common sense."

Other goals will prove more difficult, perhaps testing the patience of supporters who were promised quick success. Trump has talked



Donald Trump is sworn in as the 47th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts as Melania Trump holds the Bible during the 60th Presidential Inauguration in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

Associated Press

about lowering prices after years of inflation, but his plans for tariffs on imports from foreign countries could have the opposite effect.

Frigid weather rewrote the pageantry of the day. Trump's swearing-in was moved indoors to the Capitol Rotunda the first time that has happened in 40 years and the inaugural parade was replaced by an event at a downtown arena. Trump supporters who descended on the city to watch the ceremony outside the Capitol from the National Mall were left to find other places to view the festivities.

At the Capitol, Vice President JD Vance was sworn in first, taking the oath read by Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh on a Bible given to him by his great-grandmother. Trump followed moments after noon, using both a family Bible and the one used by President Abraham Lincoln at his 1861 inauguration as Chief Justice John Roberts administered his oath.

A cadre of billionaires and tech titans including Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos, Tim Cook and Sundar Pichai were given prominent positions in the Capitol Rotunda, mingling with Trump's He spoke for even longer

incoming team before the ceremony began. Also there was Elon Musk, the world's richest man, who is expected to lead an effort to slash spending and federal employees.

Stopping at the White House on their way to the Capitol, Trump and his wife, Melania, were greeted by Biden and first lady Jill Biden for the customary tea and coffee reception. It was a stark departure from four years ago, when Trump refused to acknowledge Biden's victory or attend his inauguration.

"Welcome home," Biden said to Trump after the president-elect stepped out of the car. The two presidents, who have spent years bitterly criticizing each other, shared a limo to the Capitol. After the ceremony, Trump walked with Biden to the building's east side, where Biden departed via helicopter to begin his post-presidential life.

Trump followed Biden's departure with freewheeling remarks to supporters, revisiting a litany of conspiracy theories about voter fraud and grievances against perceived enemies such as former Republican Rep. Liz Cheney, whom he called "a crying lunatic."

than in his inaugural address, saying, "I think this is a better speech than the one I gave upstairs."

Trump's inauguration realized a political comeback without precedent in American history. Four years ago, he was voted out of the White House during an economic collapse caused by the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Trump denied his defeat and tried to cling to power. He directed his supporters to march on the Capitol while lawmakers were certifying the election results, sparking a riot that interrupted the country's tradition of the peaceful transfer of power.

But Trump never lost his grip on the Republican Party and was undeterred by criminal cases and two assassination attempts as he steamrolled rivals and harnessed voters' exasperation with inflation and illegal immigration.

Trump used his inaugural address to repeat his claims that he was targeted by political prosecutions, and he promised to begin "fair, equal and impartial justice." He also acknowledged that he was taking office on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which honors the slain civil rights hero. "We will strive together to

make his dream a reality," he said.

Now Trump is the first person convicted of a felony for falsifying business records related to hush money payments to serve as president. He pledged to "preserve, protect and defend" the Constitution from the same spot that was overrun by his supporters on Jan. 6, 2021. He's said that one of his first acts in office will be to pardon many of those who participated in the riot, and he referred to them as "hostages" on Monday.

"It's action, not words, that count, and you're going to see a lot of action," Trump

Eight years after he first entered the White House as a political newcomer, Trump is far more familiar with the operations of federal government and emboldened to bend it to his vision. Trump wants to bring quick change by curtailing immigration, enacting tariffs on imports and rolling back Democrats' climate and social initiatives.

He has also promised retribution against his political opponents and critics, and placed personal loyalty as a prime qualification for appointments to his administration.

With minutes to go before leaving office, Biden issued preemptive pardons to his siblings and their spouses to shield them from the possibility of prosecution. Earlier in the day, he also pardoned current and former government officials who have been the target of Trump's anger. Biden said "these are exceptional circumstances, and I cannot in good conscience do nothing."

Trump has pledged to go further and move faster in enacting his agenda than during his first term, and already the country's political, business and technology leaders have realigned themselves to accommodate him. Democrats who once formed a "resistance" are now divided over whether to work with Trump or defy him.



At least 80 people killed in northeast Colombia as peace talks fail, official says

BOGOTÁ, Colombia (AP) - More than 80 people were killed in the country's northeast over the weekend following the government's failed attempts to hold peace talks with the National Liberation Army, a Colombian official said.

Twenty others were injured in the violence that has forced thousands to flee as Colombia's army scrambled to evacuate people on Sunday, according to William Villamizar, governor of North Santander, where many of the killings took place. Among the victims are community leader Carmelo Guerrero and seven people who sought to sign a peace deal, according to a report that a government ombudsman agency released late Saturday.

Officials said the attacks happened in several towns located in the Catatumbo region near the border with Venezuela, with at least three people who were part of the peace talks being kidnapped.

Thousands of people are fleeing the area, with some hiding in the nearby lush



People displaced by violence in towns across the Catatumbo region, where rebels of the National Liberation Army, or ELN, have been clashing with former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, take shelter at a soccer stadium in Cúcuta, Colombia, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025. **Associated Press**

mountains or seeking help at government shelters.

"We were caught in the crossfire," said Juan Gutiérrez, who fled with his family to a temporary shelter in Tibú after they were forced to leave behind their anihad no time to grab our things. ... I hope the government remembers us. We are helpless here."

Colombia's army rescued dozens of people on Sunday, including a family and their pet dog, whose owner mals and belongings. "We held a pack of cold water

against the animal's chest to keep it cool as they evacuated by helicopter. Defense Minister Iván Velásquez traveled to the northeast town of Cúcuta on Sunday where he held

several security meetings

and urged armed groups

to demobilize.

"The priority is to save lives and guarantee the security of communities," he said. "We have deployed our troops throughout the entire region."

Officials also prepared to send 10 tons of food and hygiene kits for approximately 5,000 people in the communities of Ocaña and Tibú, the majority of them having fled the violence.

"Catatumbo needs help," Villamizar said in a public address on Saturday. "Boys, girls, young people, teenagers, entire families are showing up with nothing, riding trucks, dump trucks, motorcycles, whatever they can, on foot, to avoid being victims of this confrontation."

The attack comes after Colombia suspended peace talks with the National Liberation Army, or ELN, on Friday, the second time it has done so in less than a year. Colombia's aovernment has demanded that the ELN cease all attacks and allow authorities to enter the region and provide humanitarian aid.

Wake up and spend more on defense, Macron tells Europe as Trump takes office

Associated Press CESSON-SEVIGNE, **France** If they send their fighter jets (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron called on Europe Monday to "wake up" and spend more on defense in order to reduce its reliance on the United States for its se-

curity, in a speech to the French military as Donald

Trump returns to power.

By SYLVIE CORBET

Macron referred to expected changes in Washington's foreign policy, especially regarding the war ated in six months. in Ukraine, saying it was an France and Europe need "opportunity for a European strategic wake-up call," in his New Year's speech to the military at the Army Digital and Cyber Support Command based in western France.

"What will we do in Europe That's the way it is."

ally withdraws its warships from the Mediterranean? from the Atlantic to the Pacific?" he asked.

Trump has criticized the cost of the war in Ukraine for U.S. taxpayers through major military aid packages and has made it clear that he wants to shift more of the fiscal burden onto Europe. He has vowed to bring the conflict to a swift end, voicing hope that peace could be negoti-

to adapt to evolving threats and changing interests, Macron said. "Who would have thought a year ago that Greenland would be at the center of political and strategic debates?

tomorrow if our American He said providing lasting

support to Ukraine is key so that Kyiv is in a strong position when engaging in any future peace negotiations. Ukraine must receive "guarantees" against any return of the war on its territory when hostilities cease and Europe must take "play its full role" in the process, he

Last week, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he discussed with Macron about the possibility of Western troops deploying in Ukraine to safeguard any peace deal ending the nearly three-year war with Russia.

"As one of these guarantees, we discussed the French initiative to de-Ukraine," Zelenskyy said.

ploy military contingents in Potentially sending European troops as peacekeepers to Ukraine is fraught with risk. Such a move may not deter Russia from attacking Ukraine again in the future, which is the fear of Ukrainian officials, and could

drag European countries into a direct confrontation with Moscow. That, in turn, could pull NATO including the United States into a conflict.



French President Emmanuel Macron reviews the troops during a military ceremony during a visit at the Digital Support and Cyber Command (CATNC) of the French Army as part of his New Year address to the Armed Forces, in Cesson-Sevigne, western France, Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

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Sun catchers: The different lizards in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Colorful or camouflaged, you're bound to encounter a variety of lizards basking in the sun or scurrying on their way in our island. Aruba, as a desert island, is home to an incredible variety of unique and colorful species. Among them we can find different lizards, most of which have South American origins. But there are a few exceptions.

Iguanas

Iguanas are easy to spot, as they are larger than most other lizards and when young, have a bright green color that makes them stand out.



The iguanas usually found in Aruba are the Iguana iguana, known as the green iguana, or locally as Yuwana. The Yuwana are a mostly herbivorous species, and can grow up to 2 meters in size, including the tail, making them one of the largest in the iguana family. As you will see, despite their name, as they

reach adulthood, the iguanas can take on a grey or blue tone instead of the bright green displayed by the young ones. In Aruba – as in the rest of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – the most usual color varies from green to lavender, black and sometimes a reddish brown.

Yuwana is a protected species, as it is listed under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade is regulated through the CITES permit system. In the past, Arubans used to eat a popular Yuwana soup, as it was believed to give strength and help restore health – probably due to the protein boost it delivered. However, it is now illegal to catch, kill, buy or sell Yuwanas in Aruba, and this includes eating them!

Blue Kododo

These are one of the most

striking lizards in Aruba, recognizable by the male's bright blue color. The Aruban whiptail lizard, Cnemidophorus arubensis, is a species endemic to Aruba, meaning you can only find it here on our One Happy Island! They are also recognized as the most common and populous lizard on the island. While the male is blue with white dots, the female is brown with blue dots.

These charming lizards eat mostly plants, such as flowers, nectar, leaves and fruits, and occasionally eniov some insects. They are selective in which plants they eat, because of the toxins present in many available plants species. The Kododo help take care of Aruba's vegetation by playing a significant role in the dispersal of seeds for certain plants: when they eat fruit, they excrete the seeds in diverse locations, contributing to the reproduction cycle of our local plants.

Images: Some images are from Aruba Birdlife Conservation.

To my wife Renee, Happy Birthday!

I know how much you enjoy spending your birthday here in Aruba. I am so glad that we share this time together.

Love, John



This year John and Renee Power are bringing along their lifelong friends Phil & Pam Lavallee. It will be their first time visiting Aruba. John and Renee has been visiting Aruba for 10 years! Happy Birthday Renee, we at Aruba Today wish you all the best!

Dining in? Try making a local favorite How to make "pan bati"

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever up for an Aruban snack, try making another Aruban classic appetizer called Pan Bati. Similar to a pancake both in appearance and cooking, this is a super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!

Ingredients:

2 cups of all purpose flour

1 cup grams of fine cornmeal (we recommend the Harina PAN brand)

2 tbsp baking powder

1 1/3 cup of milk

1 pinch of salt

2 tbsp of granulated sugar Oil for cooking

Instructions:

Add all the dry ingredients in a bowl first, and stir until well mixed. Then add the milk and beat until reached a pancake-like



consistency. If more moister is needed, add some water until reached desired consistency.

In a hot pan with oil, pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Just like pancakes, flip the pan bati when one side turns golden brown. When your pan bati is ready, place on a plate and cover with a clean kitchen towel.

Traditionally, pan bati is cut in triangle pieces, and is often eaten as a side dish with soup, fried fish or stews. However, it is also casually enjoyed with some butter and cheese on top!



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Paseo Herencia presents a captivating selection of stores catering to various preferences, encompassing beachwear, apparel, fragranc-





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capture Instagram-worthy shots at the Angel Wings installation between Pandora and Free Spirit, or amidst the Flying mosaic hearts behind King Churros. There's more fun in store with delightful kids' activities, including a Kid's carousel and train ride, available every day from 6 pm to 10 pm.

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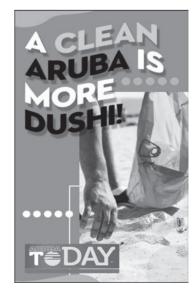
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Cryptoquote: COOKING IS LIKE LOVE. IT SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH ABANDON, OR NOT AT ALL. — JULIA CHILD



Madison Keys of the U.S. plays a backhand return to Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan during their fourth round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Jan. 20, 2025.

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Jannik Sinner gets past Holger Rune at the Australian Open in a match with net and medical delays

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — First came the medical timeouts, one each for Jannik Sinner and Holger Rune with the temperature above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) at the Australian Open.

Then came the bizarre sight of a 20-minute delay because the net at Rod Laver Arena detached from the court after being hit by a big Sinner serve.

In the end, the breaks in action were "lucky," Sinner said, because they gave him a chance to catch his breath, put his struggles aside and emerge with the victory as he keeps doing, no matter the site or the circumstances.

The defending champion moved into the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park on Monday by eliminating the 13th-seeded Rune 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

"I don't want to talk so much (about) how I felt today. I was not feeling really well. I think we saw that today. I was struggling physically," Sinner said, declining to say exactly what was wrong. "Playing against a tough opponent, but also playing against myself a little bit."

The No. 1-ranked Sinner occasionally tried to cool off by pressing a cold towel to his face or pouring water down the back of his neck. He was far better down the stretch, both after a 10-minute-plus delay in the third set when he went to the locker room for medical attention and after a 20-minute holdup in the fourth when the screw connecting the net to the blue playing surface came undone.

"It was a bit helpful. I at least felt slightly better when I went back on court," Sinner said about seeing a doctor. "I felt like the face looked a little bit better, the color was a little bit back."

He's won 18 consecutive tour-level matches, dating back to late 2024. Last season, Sinner went 73-6 with eight titles, the first man with that many tournament championships in a single year since Andy Murray in 2016.

That haul included Sinner's first two Grand Slam trophies, at the Australian Open in January and the U.S. Open in September, the latter shortly after he was exonerated for testing positive for an anabolic steroid twice in March. His case is still unresolved, though, with a hearing scheduled for April in the World Anti-Doping Agency's appeal of the ruling.

In the women's fourth round, 2017 U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys eliminated 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, and now plays Elina Svitolina, a 6-4, 6-1 winner against Veronika Kudermetova. Five-time major champion Iga Swiatek had no surprise here an easy time beating "lucky loser" Eva Lys 6-1, 6-0 in just 59 minutes.

Swiatek, who will face No. 8 Emma Navarro next, compiled a 28-7 edge in winners and has ceded a grand total of 11 games through four matches in the tournament. Contrast that to Navarro's path: Her 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 win against No. 9 Daria Kasatkina was the American's fourth three-setter in four matches in Melbourne, and she has dropped more than 60 games while spending more than 10 hours on court.

Sinner will play No. 8 Alex de Minaur of Australia, who defeated unseeded Alex Michelsen of the U.S. 6-0, 7-6 (5), 6-3 at night to reach the quarterfinals at his home Grand Slam tournament for the first time.





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Bills will face Chiefs in AFC title game; Eagles will host the Commanders in NFC championship game

By ROB MAADDI **AP Pro Football Writer**

Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills will take on Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC championship game for their fourth playoff matchup in five years.

Allen ran for two touchdowns and the Bills beat Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens 27-25 in a divisional game on Sunday. Mark Andrews dropped a pass from Jackson on a 2-point conversion that would've tied it with 1:33 remaining and Buffalo held on for the victory.

The Chiefs have defeated the Bills three straight times in the playoffs, including the conference title game four years ago in Kansas City. But Buffalo was the only team to beat Kansas City's starters this season, a 30-21 victory at home in Week 11.



Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) carries the ball into the end zone to score a touchdown against the Baltimore Ravens during the second quarter of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Barkley and the Philadelphia Eagles hosting Jayden Daniels and the Washington Commanders in the NFC championship game. The Eagles advanced with 31 on Saturday night.

It'll be Jalen Hurts, Saquon a 28-22 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday. They'll be home next week because the sixth-seeded Commanders upset the No. 1 seed Detroit Lions 45-

Barkley ran for 205 yards, including touchdown runs of 62 and 78 yards and Philadelphia's defense held on the final drive with Jalen Carter sacking Matthew Stafford for a 9-yard loss to

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the 22. Stafford then fired an incomplete pass on fourth-and-11.

The NFC East rival Eagles and Commanders will meet for the third time this season with each team winning at home. The Eagles beat Washington 26-18 in a Thursday night game on Nov. 14. The Commanders rallied for a 36-33 victory on Dec. 22 in a game where Hurts sustained a concussion in the first quarter.

Backup quarterback Kenny Pickett had Philadelphia in position to win that game, but DeVonta Smith dropped a third-down pass that would've allowed the Eagles to run out the clock. Instead, Jake Elliott kicked a field goal for a 33-28 lead and Daniels led another impressive comeback in the final two minutes, tossing a 9-yard TD pass to Jamison Crowder with 6 seconds remaining.

Ball, Bridges each score 23 to lead Hornets over Mavs 110-105 for 3rd straight win

By STEVE REED **AP Sports Writer** CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — LaMelo Ball and Miles Bridg-



Charlotte Hornets guard LaMelo Ball (1) handles the ball against Dallas Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving (11) and guard Spencer Dinwiddie (26) during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, in Charlotte, N.C.

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es each scored 23 points and the Charlotte Hornets held on to beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-105 on Monday to extend their winning streak to a season-high three games.

Nick Smith Jr. added 19 points and Mark Williams overcame foul trouble to finish with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Charlotte (11-

Kyrie Irving had 33 points and Daniel Gafford added a career-high 31 points and 15 rebounds for the Mavericks (23-20), who've lost four of their last five games. The Mavericks trailed entering the fourth quarter but Irving who had 26 points after halftime began the take over, knocking down two quick 3s while adding another three points on free throws after luring Josh Green into fouling him on a 3-point attempt.

But the Hornets would battle back to take the lead for good on Smith's corner 3 with 4:16 left.

Ball, who had 20 points on five 3s in the first half, had a chance to put the game away with 13 seconds left but missed the tail end of a one-and-one.

Klay Thompson tried to send the game into overtime, but missed a 3 from the right wing. Green added two free throws to seal the Charlotte win.

Takeaways

Mavericks: Still adjusting to life without Luka Doncic, who hasn't played since Christmas due to a left calf strain, Dallas' depth has been tested. They had just 14 points off the bench.

Hornets: Williams picked up his fourth foul with 7:35 left in the second quarter, forcing the Hornets to lean heavily on Moussa Diabate.

Key moment

Trailing by two with 26 seconds left, Irving drove the lane and had an open Naji Marshall in the corner but a bad pass resulted in a turn-

Key stat

The Hornets scored 23 points off 13 Dallas turnovers.